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May 4th, 1926.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Disley Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1925. This is, by order of the Ministry of Health, a Survey Report, and deals with the health of the district during the past five years.

Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres) 2,466.

Population : Census, 1921, 3,024 ; Estimated, 1925, 3,034.

Physical features and general character of the Area.

The subsoil is generally clay, overlying the gritstone.

The elevation varies from 340 ft. (O.D.) at river level to nearly 1,200 ft. (O.D.) on the hill tops. The main road is 600 ft. above sea level,

Number of inhabited houses, 1921, 648 working class dwellings.

Rateable Value, £20,014.

Gross product of 1d. rate, £82.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Professional Nursing in the Home—

The District Nurse, provided by the local Nursing Association, also acts as the midwife. She is not subsidised by the County.

Clinics and Treatment Centres—

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre is under the control of the County.

For Tuberculosis there are Dispensaries at Hyde and Stockport, a Pavilion at Hyde, and numerous Sanatoria throughout the Country.

Hospitals—

The Hyde Fever Hospital is utilised for infectious cases. The Hospitals in Manchester and Stockport also serve the district.

Ambulance Facilities—

- (a) For infectious cases: Hyde Ambulance.
- (b) For other cases: British Red Cross Ambulance.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority—

These are the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector. The former holds the Diploma of Public Health and the latter is a member of the Sanitary Institute. Both are part time officers and contribution is made to their salaries under the Public Health Acts.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water—

This is derived from the Stockport Corporation and is well maintained. It is a constant supply. 760 house are supplied. Higher Disley and a few houses in Disley and Furness Vale obtain water from private sources.

Rivers and Streams—

Pollution of these is controlled by the Mersey and Irwell Joint Committee and by the Rivers' Inspector of the Cheshire County Council.

Drainage and Sewerage—

Good provision for sewerage is made throughout the district with the exceptions of Higher Disley and Disley Wood.

Closet Accommodation—

During the past five years 89 conversions to water closets have been made.

There are now 555 privies and 306 water closets in the district. This preponderance of privies is not satisfactory. Conversion would be expedited if the Council would pay half the cost.

85 houses have been connected to the main sewer at Newtown.
40 remain to be connected.

Scavenging—

This is satisfactory, the refuse being removed to tips.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area—

The Sanitary Inspector's report is appended.

The important sanitary improvements during the past five years are the sewerage of the Newtown district, the improvement of the sewage disposal in Furness Vale, and the reconstruction of the sewage disposal works at Disley.

Housing.

General housing conditions in the area—

30 houses are required.

Overcrowding is not prevalent.

The general standard of the housing in the area is good.

There are 12 back to back houses.

Housing Statistics for the year 1925.

Number of new houses erected during the year—

(a) Total	11
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:	
(i.) By the Local Authority	0
(ii.) By other bodies or persons	4

1. Unfit dwelling-houses—

Inspection. (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	12
(2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4
(3) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	12
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	8

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices	4
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Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply—

No cases of tuberculous cattle or tuberculous milk were reported.

(b) Meat—

This is supervised by the Meat Inspector.

All stalls, shops, stores, and vehicles are required to be kept in accordance with the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

Slaughter-houses.

Registered—in 1920, 4 ; in January, 1925, 3 ; in December, 1925, 3.

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious Diseases.

Infectious Diseases generally.

During the last five years there have been only 12 cases of Diphtheria as against 42 in the previous quinquennia, 1916-20. During the same period there have been 38 cases of Scarlet Fever as against 19 in the quinquennia 1916-20, and 17 cases of Tuberculosis as against 35 in the earlier period.

Full use has been made of the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, and of the Laboratory at Chester, for the examination of pathological and bacteriological specimens.

Arrangements have been made for the disinfection by steam of the bedding and clothing of cases of Infectious Diseases.

Infected premises are disinfected by Formalin spray.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1925.

Disease	Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	4	2	
Diphtheria	1	1	
Enteric Fever	1		
Puerperal Fever	1		
Pneumonia	4		2
Encephalitis Lethargica	1		1
Erysipelas	1		
Acute Polio-myelitis	1		

Tuberculosis—New Cases and Mortality during 1925.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		non-Pulmonary	
	M	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M	F.
20-25 ...		1						
45-55 ...			1					
Total ...		1	1					

Vital Statistics.

For the year 1925 the rates are as follows—

Birth rate : 13.5.

Death rate : 13.8.

Infantile Mortality rate : 73.17.

Phthisis Death rate : Nil.

The rates for the five years are as follows—

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Birth rate - . . .	15.87	13.36	16.1	16.4	13.5
Death rate - . . .	11.9	13.69	9	10.1	13.8
Infantile Mortality rate	41.6	100	41.6	60	73.17
Phthisis Death rate - .	.99	1.3	0	.65	0

With the exception of the Birth rate these figures are satisfactory. The Birth rates are much lower than the average for England and Wales, which was 18.3 in 1925

Your obedient servant

G. B. PEMBERTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

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For the Year 1925,

FOR THE

RURAL DISTRICT OF DISLEY,

On the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories... .. (Including Factory Laundries)	5		
Workshops	18		
Total	23		

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops, and Workplaces.

Particulars.	Number of Defects			Number of offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:</i>				
Want of cleanliness	Good	} None		
Want of ventilation	Good			
Overcrowding	None			
Want of drainage of floors... ..	No			
Other nuisances	No			
Sanitary accommodation—				
Unsuitable or defective ...	Medium			
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts:</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s 101)	None			

May 4th, 1926.

G. B. PEMBERTON,
Medical Officer of Health

RURAL DISTRICT OF DISLEY.

Name of Sanitary Inspector—HENRY ALLEN M.S.I.

Address—Lonsdale, Disley

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1925.

A Number and Nature of Inspections made.	Number	B Number of Informal Notices served.	C Result of Service of Notices	
			Notices complied with	Remain- ing in hand
Dwelling Houses (general inspections)...	45	13	13	(a) 5
Back-to-Back Houses	9			
Tents, Vans, Sheds, &c.	62			
Courts, Yards, Passages	5			
Privy-Middens, Earth or Pail Closets .	670	5	8	(a) 1
Cesspools	6	4	4	
House Drainage	35	8	8	(a) 1
Ditches, Watercourses, &c.	12	4	4	
Offensive Accumulations	2	1	1	
The Keeping of Animals (P.H.A., 1875, S. 91 (3)	12			
(a) Slaughter Houses (Private)	22	1	1	
(b) Other Places where Food is produced or sold	14			
Piggeries	30			
(a) Dairies	52			
(b) Cowsheds	96	3	3	
(c) Milkshops	8			
(d) Factories	5			
(e) Workshops	18			
Bakehouses (Overground)	12			
Infectious Disease Inquiries and Revisits	16	1	1	
Miscellaneous	1	1	1	
Totals	1132	41	44	7

(a) 7 Notices outstanding against 16 last year.

(Signed) HENRY ALLEN, M.S.I.,
Sanitary Inspector,

